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Interesting Commencement Exercises. Children's Night a Pleasing Feature.—Interesting Contest in Recitation and Declamation Tuesday Night.—Governor Aycock's Fine Address. Graduating Exercises Wednesday Night.—Presentation of Nice Books to School by Graduating Class.

The commencement exercises of Turlington Graded School took place this week.—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The following interesting program was rendered Monday night, known as children's night:

I. By First Grade.
Teacher—Mrs. Ira T. Turlington.
Chorus—Music Class.
Instrumental Duet—Emma Sanders and Retta Martin.
Salutatory—Pearl Johnson.
Dialogue—Paul Olive and Everett Stevens.
Piano Solo—Mabel Wellons.
Recitation—Beatrice Matthews, Sarah Johnson and Frances Sanders.
Chorus—The Wavelet Song, First Grade.

Recitation—Lyndon Jordan, Dwight Johnson and Jesse Capps.
Recitation—Helen Rand.
Tag Song—First Grade.
II. Second and Third Grades.
Teacher, Miss Annie Crisp.
Recitation—Margaret Pou and Everett Thornton and Geo. Brady.
Rope Drill.
Instrumental Duet—Helen Spence and Lillian Sanders.
Recitation—John Stancil and Elizabeth Cotter and Flora Canaday.
Songs and Games—Second and Third Grades.
Recitation—Theresa Rand and Helen Ives.
Peddler's Song.
The Old North State.

III. Fourth and Fifth Grades.
Teacher, Miss Elizabeth Blackwell
Our Good Old State—Ryal Woodall
Dish Washing—Eva Coats.
The New Cook—Lillian Kirton.
Piano Solo—Emma Wellons.
A Boy's Plea—Edward Abell.
Making A Cake—Margaret Moore.
The Ballad of the Tempest—Arthur Narron.
Song—The Pussy Cat—Fourth and Fifth Grades.
The Town of Used-to-be—Mabel Wellons.
Indian Names of N. C. Rivers—Troy Myatt.
Instrumental Duet—Charlotte and Carolina Avera.
A Follish Little Maiden—Betty Rand.
One, Two, Three—Alma Lunceford.
Instrumental Duet—Blanche Bailey and Sarah Wellons.
Seeing Things at Night—John Rand.
Song—A Pious Lay—Fourth and Fifth Grade.

Interesting Contest.
This contest for the prizes in declamation and recitation took place Tuesday night with the assembly hall of the school packed with the friends and relatives of the contestants.
A prize was offered to the best declaimer and one to the best reciter, members of the Columbian Society:
The Little Knight Errant—Edwin Pou.
Through Fire and Water—Retta Martin.
The Theatre Party—Emma Wellons.
The Dog—John Avera.
The prizes were awarded to Edwin Pou and Retta Martin.

Jefferson Society.
A medal is given to the best declaimer and one to the best reciter of this society. The following were the contestants:
The South—Old and New—Robert Wellons.
The Sweet Girl Graduate—Mary Tomlinson.
North Carolina—Oliver Rand.
Angels of Beuna Vista—Pearl Keen.
A Country, Past and Present—On Woodall.
Old Glory—Lalla Rookh Stephenson.
Old Bess's Ride and Death—Hattie Cigaret.
The Eloquent of Adams—Parker Coats.
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At the conclusion of the contest the committee decided that the declaimer's medal was won by Parker Rand and that Hattie Cigaret was the successful contestant. Presented by Rev. J. M. Culbreth.

Governor Aycock's Address.
One of the best commencement addresses heard in Smithfield

years was that delivered here Wednesday by North Carolina's gifted son, ex-Governor Aycock. It was learned a few days ago that Dr. Dixon, who had accepted the invitation to deliver the address at the Turlington Graded School commencement was not well enough to be present and that Governor Aycock would fill his place. This, Governor Aycock did not do, but he filled his own place and filled it well. He is a great favorite with many of our people and those who were so fortunate as to hear his address Wednesday were highly pleased with the effort.

The address was delivered in the opera house and the subject was Education. The speaker was introduced by our townsman, Congressman E. W. Pou, who referred to the fact that there were few men whose names were linked indissolubly with the history of the State, among those being the names of Zeb Vance and the speaker of the day, Governor Aycock.

After expressing his pleasure at being on hand he entered into the discussion of the subject chosen for the address. We shall not attempt to give a synopsis of the speech, but will call attention to a few thoughts presented by the speaker. He said "Education means development." It means to bring out of, and further that you cannot bring out of the people that which is not in them. He said that he was in favor of educating everybody and everything. He used to good effect the story of the development of the Irish potato from its wild state in the Andes Mountains of South America. Once it was wild, and not fit to eat, but by cultivating it, that is educating, it had been developed until it is now one of our choicest articles of food.

The speaker used the dog, first the hound, and then the bird dog, as illustrations of the first principles in education. The first effect of all true education is reliability. The second effect is the ability to hold the reserve power within for the time of need. The first principle was illustrated by the hound, the second by the bird dog. Everything has its place in creation—the mountains, the hills, the plain, each have their places; so has man. Educate everybody. You do not know who has one the talent, or who has the ten talents. There are two things that develop man. Competition and Appreciation. You may be able to make a great speech or to be a great musician, but unless you have those to hear who can understand and appreciate, your efforts are useless. You can't talk to deaf ears nor to hearts that understand not. You've got to educate everybody if you want an audience for the fine things your children do. In regard to competition, it is safe to say that the best is always found where there is the best competition. The speaker proved his point here with the trotting horse as an illustration, showing how it took years and the training of thousands of horses to get to the point where a horse could trot a mile in less than two minutes.

Again these things cost and no one who is unwilling to pay the price will ever be able to accomplish the great things of life. And he who strives for these things for selfish ends will never reach the highest places. That you have to pay for these things and pay the price in advance is the truth brought out. There is no real sacrifice without rich compensation. When you have climbed over the boulders and the rough places and finally reached the mountain peak you may stand on the top and look down and enjoy the valleys beautiful, the flowers blooming, and the sun shining, an fall to see the rough places over which you have climbed. Your great reward in reaching the mountain peaks of life will be in helping others to reach the same high plane.

The address was short and to the point and all who heard it will not forget the great truths brought out.

Senior Class Exercises.
On Wednesday evening, the members of the graduating class held their exercises in the auditorium. To the strains of an inspiring march rendered by Miss Lily Watson, Prof. Turlington, Rev. J. M. Culbreth, Mr. A. M. Noble and the graduating class entered and took their places on the rostrum.

Prof. Turlington asked the audience to rise and be led in prayer by Mr. Culbreth. After this, the president of the class, Miss Nannie Underwood, in a few well-chosen words introduced the historian of the class,

Mary Tomlinson. Seldom has a class history been so interestingly written and the audience was delighted with the charming manner in which it was read.

Following the History, the prophetess of the class, Miss Mabel Byrd, was introduced by the president. Humorous and interesting were the fates of the various members of the class. The paper showed an ingenious imagination.

The president then introduced the class orator, Mr. W. M. Ives, Jr., who delighted the audience with an oration, on "Agriculture, the New Birth."

Prof. Turlington then presented the diplomas after which he read the honor rolls for the year.

Class Presents Books to School.
One very pleasing part of the exercises was the presentation of eight volumes of excellent books by the Senior Class to the school. These books were given to the school by the class as a slight token of their appreciation for the instruction received here.

The books were presented on behalf of the class by Mr. A. M. Noble, a former student of the institution in the following appropriate words:
"The perpetuation of their love for their Alma Mater in some tangible form, by the graduating class of a college or high school, is a custom that has been in vogue in our State and county for years; but it has remained for the class of 1910, to inaugurate this most appropriate exercise in this school, and I trust that each succeeding class will follow the example set by the present graduating class.

"Tonight these boys and girls have received from this school their diplomas, evidence of their having completed with honor the course of study prescribed by the trustees of the Turlington Graded School, and tonight they bid farewell to the old school, never to enter it again as students.

"They entered this school with a goal in view,—to-night they have reached that goal.

"Their Alma Mater's benediction and God's richest blessings follow them as they step outward over the threshold of the old school for the last time, before entering upon life's toil and work. They all realize the debt of gratitude they owe to this school and in token of that gratitude they desire to leave some memorial as a lasting testimony of their undying love.

"It is most appropriate that they should have selected as a gift these handsome books containing as they do the immortal thoughts of the world's great masters, for as these books will ever live, so will their olve for their Alma Mater die, only when life itself shall have perished.

"Emerson has said: 'Books are for the scholars idle moments. When he can read God directly, the time is too precious to be wasted in other man's transcripts of their readings. When the intervals of darkness come, as come they must—when the sun is hid and the stars withdraw their shining—we repair to the lamps which were kindled by their rays, to guide our steps to the east again, where the dawn lies.'

"So may the students of this school when their moments of leisure come, find an unequalled pleasure in these silent companions, and as they converse hourly with the philosophers and sages of old, may they be inspired to higher and nobler deeds. With these few remarks, I take great pleasure in presenting to the Turlington Graded School, these books, the gift of the class of 1910."

The books were accepted for the school by Prof. Turlington in a few remarks showing his great appreciation of the thoughtfulness of the class.

Note—The honor rolls were read at the close of the exercises Wednesday night. The names of those who were fortunate enough to get on these rolls will be published in our next issue.

To Preach at Benson.

Elder J. W. Gardner, of Goldsboro and J. A. T. Jones, of McCollers, N. C., will preach at the Primitive Baptist church at Benson on Friday night before the 5th Sunday and also the 5th Sunday night they will attend the Smithfield Union to be held with the church at Hannah's Creek 5th Saturday and Sunday.

FREE MAIL COST \$6,000,000 A YEAR

Expense Under Wholesale Franking Privilege Greater Than Ever This Year. Seeds to Get Votes In These Insurgent Days Mails More Than Ever Burdened With Campaign Stuff.

Washington, D. C., May 14.—It will cost the United States Government \$750,000 to transport the mail of members of Congress and Senators free during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910. It is reported by officials of the Post Office Department. The free transportation of mail for the various executive departments will run up to a grand total of \$6,000,000 or \$6,750,000. These figures are based on the report made by a special committee under Second Assistant Postmaster General Stewart and used by Postmaster General Hitchcock in making estimates for the coming fiscal year.

The committee in arriving at these estimates, based its figures on the results obtained by the weighing of mails in 1908, when 4,531,080 pounds of Congressional "franked" mail was weighed. It cost \$322,960.92 for ordinary transportation; \$7524.27 for every postoffice car service; \$30,175.57 for railway mail service; \$54,968.33 for rural delivery service; \$88,059.79 as compensation of postmasters, clerks, carriers, rentals and incidentals; \$6472.88 for other expenditures directly assignable to the handling of free Congressional mail and \$8,232.69 for expenditures not directly assignable, but a part of the handling, making a grand total of \$518,385.45.

Insurgent Days Keep Franks Busy.
Owing to the wide split in the Republican party, the absolute necessity for legislators to be in Washington late this year, and the year being a campaign year, when every member of the House will have to be re-elected, much campaign matter has been sent out under Congressional franks.

Never before have members used the free flower and garden seed proposition as a vote-getter so extensively as this year. All this matter—ton—is being franked. Then, too, with the advent of education in agricultural lines and cattle and horse-raising, members of Congress have been besieged with letters from constituents asking for treatises on these subjects. To-day Congress passed a resolution calling for the printing of 500,000 copies of "Tama Jim's" Cook Book, which will be sent out under Congressional franks. Maps, hydrographic, topographic and post routes have been sent to doubtful voters and influential school teachers. The shipment of these documents from the palatial new marble office buildings of the Senators and Representatives has been and will continue to be tremendous for the next five months.

A stranger walking through the corridors of the House and Senate office buildings these strenuous days of "insurgency" will see groups of two to ten girls in two-thirds of the offices mimeographing and folding "stuff" for the voter to read and maybe use.

The committee determined the cost of transporting departmental mail and other mail just as the Congressional mail cost was determined.

Much Work for No Revenue.
Free matter to the weight of 43,092,474 pounds was sent out by the departments. It cost \$2,756,304.28 for general transportation; \$82,221.06 for mail cars; \$256,492.34 for railway mail service; \$972,252.42 for rural delivery of the mail; \$1,048,604.88 for compensation of postmasters, clerks, carriers, rentals and incidentals; \$19,849.85 for other expenditures directly assignable to this class of mail; \$82,936 for other expenditures not directly assignable, but a part of the handling of this class of mail, making a grand total of \$5,219,661.65. The handling of this free mail is a total loss to the Government. Not one penny of revenue is received.

In all other classes of mail revenues are received. The weights and total cost of handling them are as follows:
First class, 157,502,610 pounds; total cost of handling, \$78,630,649.89.
Second class, 792,580,967 pounds; total cost of handling, \$73,194,972.52.
Third class, 179,694,654; total cost of handling, \$28,785,623.49.
Fourth class, 58,889,409 pounds; total cost of handling, \$5,659,732.19.
Foreign matter, 54,067,099 pounds; total cost of handling, \$6,080,553.53.
Registry, \$6,768,437.41. Registry money orders, \$4,015,206.52. Special

delivery, \$1,233,164.35. These three latter in weighing were included in the first class.

The total cost of handling all classes, except the free Congressional and free departmental, was \$204,367,447.90, while that of handling the two free classes of mail amounted to \$5,738,047.10.—Philadelphia Record.

EXPLOSION IN ENGLISH MINE.

One Hundred and Thirty-Seven Miners Lose Their Lives in the Wellington Colliery.

Manchester, Eng., May 12.—One hundred and thirty-seven miners lost their lives to-day in an explosion in the Wellington coal mine at Whitehaven. Rescue parties succeeded in saving four men, but fire has broken out in the workings, leaving practically no hope for those who are still entombed.

Throughout the day the rescue parties made considerable progress in the mine but their work was stopped to-night by the collapse of the roof.

The stop where the eighty-five hewers and some fifty-odd shiftmen still imprisoned, were working at the time of the explosion is about 3 miles from the shaft exit.

Distracted crowds of relatives surrounded the pit head and the scene was distressing.

The colliery is owned by the Earl of Lonsdale and its working extends 4 or 5 miles beneath the sea. It is a curious fact that a colliery warning was published in many of the newspapers in the mining district of the Kingdom yesterday to the effect that unusually high barometric conditions rendered the fire damp explosions extremely probable and that all underground workers ought, therefore, to be on the alert. The barometer reached its highest reading in the Whitehaven district.

TO GROW 50,000 HOGS A YEAR.

Schuylkill Counties Unite to Get High Pork Prices.

Pottsville, Pa., May 15.—A swine growers' Association was formed here last night by a number of wealthy farmers, who have decided to raise hogs on an extensive scale. For this purpose several large farms are to be joined together, so as to make over 2000 acres available.

Other facilities are to be obtained, and they calculate to place 50,000 hogs on the market annually, as at the present prices of pork the farmers contend it will pay to turn their all in this direction.

Schuylkill county once raised large numbers of hogs; but for years the number produced here has been very small. A charter is to be procured from Court. The acorn is to be a special food which will be fed the hogs.

TYPHOON DROWNS FIFTY.

Japanese Ship Wrecked at Sea and Others Damaged.

Tokyo, May 12.—A typhoon in the Kobe district, on May 10, wrecked a steamship bound from Osaka for Nagoya, and fifty people were drowned. Two torpedo boat destroyers were driven ashore in bad positions. Many small vessels were lost with those on board team. Tremendous damage was done ashore.

VERDICT OF ACQUITTAL.

Clinton, N. C., May 13.—After being out a short while to-day, the jury acquitted H. T. Maynard and Tom Maynard, of killing Mayhero Denning. The case, which has been hard fought, was begun last Saturday and carried over into civil term all this week.

Mr. E. O. Edgerton to Open Drug Store in Raleigh.

About June 12th, Mr. E. O. Edgerton, with Mr. Harold C. Hood, of Smithfield, as associate, will open a new drug store on Martin and Blount streets. For the past two years Mr. Edgerton has been connected with Hicks' up-town drug store and is well known here, having many friends who are congratulating him upon going into business for himself. Mr. Edgerton came to Raleigh from Smithfield and is a graduate of the Richmond College of Pharmacy.—News and Observer, May 17.

LONDON WAITS KING'S FUNERAL.

Obsequies With 30,000 Soldiers in Line to Be Spectacle of Regal Splendor. Queen Selects Hymns. Bluejackets Will Draw Gun Carriage to Windsor and Detectives Watch Strangers.

London, May 16.—All London, from high court dignitaries down to tradesmen and laborers, are absorbed in the preparations for the funeral of King Edward next Friday, which promises to be the most imposing spectacle the British capital has ever witnessed. A decided military aspect will be given the cortege, as 30,000 troops will be brought from Aldershot and other military camps, who will line the streets while the procession passes.

As there is no room to barrack them over night the soldiers will bivouac in the parks and streets. The city will have the appearance of an invested town for two days. Some of the soldiers will sleep in tents in the parks, while the remainder will lie down beside their guns in the streets.

It is expected that 700,000 people will pass through Westminster Hall to look upon the coffin. Barriers are being built, by means of which the people will be ushered through the four lines at the rate of 18,000 an hour. The body of the late king will not be exposed to view. The mourners will see only the coffin, with the official regalia and heaps of flowers.

The flowers alone contributed by organizations and individuals will represent many thousands of dollars in value. The most elaborate wreath has been sent from Windsor, consisting of costly white flowers, interwoven with purple, which is the royal mourning color. The wreaths contributed by private individuals, numbering thousands, will be hung on posts in the streets.

The artillery horses, with gun carriage, were rehearsing to-day through the streets along the line of march, so as to avoid the possibility of a mishap on Friday.

King George being so closely identified with the navy, the naval contingents will take a prominent part in the ceremonies. Bluejackets will draw the gun carriage to Windsor, as they did the carriage which bore the body of Victoria, although on that occasion they did so because the horses became restive.

The hymns which will be sung at the service at Windsor are all of the queen mother's choice. They are "My God, My Father, While I Stray," "Now the Laborer's Task is O'er" and "I Heard a Voice from Heaven."

Soldiers from the King's company, Grenadier Guards, are keeping watch over the body in the throne room at Buckingham Palace. They are relieved each hour. With simple ceremony some one of the visiting royalties, who are daily arriving, enters the room every now and then, and the widowed Queen goes there frequently.

ITALIAN KING HEARS PEARY.

Discoverer of Pole Greeted by Illustrious Audience.

Rome, May 15.—Commander Robert E. Peary lectured to-day before the Geographical Society. King Victor Emanuel and the Duke of the Abruzzi, the latter coming from Venice, Marquis di San Giuliano, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and a host of distinguished people were present. Commander Peary made an introductory address, in which he paid a high compliment to the Duke of the Abruzzi. The King and the duke congratulated the commander warmly. Marquis Capelli, president of the Geographical Society, gave a luncheon in honor of the explorer, which also was attended by Mrs. Peary.

Belgian Aviator and Passenger Up Nearly Three Hours.

Mourmelon, France, May 15.—Daniel Kinet, the Belgian aviator, to-day broke the world's record for an aeroplane flight with passenger, remaining in the air for two hours and 51 minutes.
At Chalons-sur-Marne, April 8, Kinet made a flight with passenger of two hours and twenty minutes. Previous to that Orville Wright held the record, having remained in the air at Berlin last September with a passenger for one hour and 35 minutes.